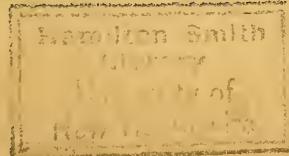


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TOWN OF  
CHESTER

FOR THE YEAR ENDING  
JANUARY 31,  
1944



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**NEW HAMPSHIRE**

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**1944**

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## TOWN OFFICERS

## MODERATOR

Walter P. Tenney

## TOWN CLERK

Robert C. Hazelton

## SELECTMEN

Austin C. Hunt Philip G. Hazelton

Preston E. Goodrich

## OVERSEER OF POOR

Philip G. Hazelton

## TOWN TREASURER

Leroy D. Morse

COLLECTOR OF TAXES

Roland A. Nichols

## SCHOOL BOARD

George W. Kimball

SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER

Carrie A. Richardson

## REPRESENTATIVE

Edwin P. Jones

## POLICE OFFICER

Edward E. Griffin, Chief

John A. West, Special

George Pettigrew, Special and Dog Officer

## ROAD AGENT

Charles H. Smith

HEALTH OFFICER

Preston E. Goodrich

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Arthur West                    Carroll Backmann  
                                  Edwin P. Jones

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Walter P. Tenney              Mildred F. Hunt  
                                  Dr. James S. Roberts

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Blanche Jones                 Robert Partridge  
                                  Ella A. Allen

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Harry Edwards                 Walton Leighton  
                                  George W. Kimball

GREAT HILL CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Byron D. Mills                Charles Morse  
Austin C. Hunt                William Wason  
                                  Maurice Colman

TRUSTEES OF WILCOMB TOWNSEND HOME

Farish G. Lewis               Byron D. Mills  
Ella A. Allen                 Myrtle Tenney  
                                  George E. Gillingham

TOWN AUDITORS

George W. Kimball            Byron D. Mills  
                                  Alvah Healey

FIRE CHIEF

Victor B. Spollett

CUSTODIAN OF HALLS

Edward E. Griffin

TOWN WARRANT

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THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the Town of Chester, in the County of Rockingham in said State, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

(L. S.)

You are hereby notified to meet at Stevens Memorial Hall, in said Chester on Tuesday, the 14th. day of March, next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations for the same.
3. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees or Officers heretofore chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.
4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the improvement of highways in accordance with the provisions of Section 4, Chapter 35 of the Laws of 1905 and pass any vote relating thereto.
5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$255.26 for class 5 roads, the State to contribute \$1,021.01.
6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the care of the Town Poor and Old Age Assistance.

7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to defray the expenses of the Chester Free Public Library.

8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for Memorial Day.

9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for Street Lights.

10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to defray the general expenses of the Fire Department.

11. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

12. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to sell any property acquired by the Town through Tax Collector's deeds.

13. At the request of Chester Grange:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to provide good drinking water in Stevens Hall.

14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$500.00 for extermination of Moths and Pruning Trees.

15. At the request of the Trustees of the Wilcomb-Townsend Home:

To see if the Town will take some action that will serve to advise the Trustees relative to the maintaining the Wilcomb-Townsend Home.

16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be set aside to be used for highways and bridges as a Postwar project, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 160 of the Session Laws of 1943, and pass any vote relating thereto.

17. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting and raise and appropriate a sum of money there-for.

Given under our hands and seal this 19th day of February, in the year of our Lord Nineteen hundred and forty-four.

Austin C. Hunt  
Philip G. Hazelton  
Preston E. Goodrich

Selectmen of Chester, N. H.

A true copy of Warrant—Attest

Austin C. Hunt  
Philip G. Hazelton  
Preston E. Goodrich  
Selectmen of Chester, N. H.

**BUDGET OF THE TOWN**  
**Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the ensuing**  
**with Actual Revenue and Expenditures of the Previous**

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Actual	Estimated
	Revenue	Revenue
	Previous Year 1943	Ensuing Year 1944

**From State:**

Interest and Dividends Tax	1,024.24	1,000.00
Railroad Tax	22.88	20.00
Savings Bank Tax	238.10	200.00

**From Local Sources Except**

**Taxes:**

Rent of Town Hall and other Buildings	100.50	90.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	675.04	500.00

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OF CHESTER, N. H.

year February 1, 1944 to December 31, 1944, Compared  
Year, February 1, 1943, to January 31, 1944

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES	Actual Expendi- tures	Estimated Expendi- tures
	Previous Year 1943	Ensuing Year 1944
Current Maintenance Expenses:		
General Government:		
Town Officers' Salaries	825.00	800.00
Town Officers' Expenses	481.39	500.00
Election and Registration Expenses	45.50	200.00
Expenses Town Hall and other Town Buildings	1,141.02	500.00
Protection of Persons and Property:		
Police Department	84.20	85.00
Fire Department	861.21	500.00
Moth Extermination—Blister Rust	191.88	200.00
Health:		
Health Department	26.10	50.00
Vital Statistics	12.00	10.00
Highways and Bridges:		
Town Maintenance	2,147.83	3,000.00
Street Lighting	1,449.66	1,540.00
General Expenses of Highway Department	525.12	500.00
Town Road Aid	254.99	255.26
Libraries:		
Libraries	235.00	200.00
Public Welfare:		
Town Poor	55.50	
Old Age Assistance	534.02	1,000.00

BUDGET (continued).

## BUDGET (continued).

### Patriotic Purposes:

Memorial Day and other  
Celebrations 54.90 50.00

### Recreation:

Parks and Playgrounds 34.00 50.00

### Public Service Enterprises:

Cemeteries 63.80 75.00

### Interest:

On Long Term Notes 126.34 126.34

### Payments to Other Governmental

#### Divisions:

County Taxes 2,759.78

Payments to School Districts 7,251.62

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SELECTMEN'S REPORT

For the year ending January 31, 1944

Valuation April 1st, 1943

Improved and unimproved Lands and Buildings	
Resident real estate	\$421,905.00
Non-resident real estate	206,540.00
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	\$628,445.00
Electric Plants	19,898.00
Horses, 45	4,100.00
Asses and mules, 11	50.00
Cows, 263	25,115.00
Other neat stock, 31	2,170.00
Sheep, 22	173.00
Fowls, 14,635	12,535.00
Wood, lumber	12,495.00
Gasoline Pumps and Tanks, 14	1,845.00
Stock in Trade	20,500.00
Mills and Machinery	3,000.00
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	\$101,881.00
Total Valuation	730,326.00
Less Soldiers' Exemption	15,200.00
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	\$715,126.00

APPROPRIATIONS

Voted to raise and appropriate	
Town officers' salaries	800.00
Town officers' expenses	513.00
Election and registration expenses	60.00
Town Halls	750.00
Police Department	100.00
Fire Department, \$500 reg. appro.	
Plus \$200 war emergency	700.00
Moth extermination	500.00

Health Department	50.00
Vital Statistics	25.00
Town Road Aid	254.99
Town Maintenance	3,000.00
Service Board	15.00
Improvement of heating system in Stevens Hall	200.00
Town construction Spec. Appro. for sanding roads	200.00
Street Lighting	1,379.16
General expense of highway dept.	150.00
Libraries	210.00
Town poor and old age assistance	1,000.00
Memorial Day	50.00
Parks and Playgrounds	100.00
Cemeteries	75.00
Interest	126.34
County Tax	2,759.78
School Tax	7,661.60
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	\$20,679.87
Net amount to be raised	\$19,282.28
Poll Taxes and bank stock	689.00
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Total amount raised by taxation	18,593.28
Total rate on one hundred dollars	2.60

Financial Statement of the Town for the  
year ending January 31, 1944

1943 Tax Levy (uncollected)	2,085.29
1942 Unredeemed Taxes	95.70
1941 Unredeemed Taxes	8.54
Cash in hands of treasurer	7,019.69
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	\$9,209.22
Excess of assets over liabilities	\$3,937.82

**LIABILITIES**  
 Cemetery and Library Notes

Albert Knippee	100.00
Sarah U. Lane	200.00
John West	50.00
Joseph Knowles	100.00
Robert and Rebecca Knowles	100.00
John W. West 2nd.	50.00
Elizabeth I. Kent	100.00
Page Reed Smith	80.00
Sally Lovering Sleeper	40.00
Joseph Dane	50.00
Mary E. Bean	50.00
John S. Emery	100.00
George Wells	100.00
Amos Green	100.00
Charles H. Green	100.00
Silas F. Learnard	100.00
Samuel Warren	50.00
Mark Sanborn	50.00
Moses Pingree	100.00
Herbert W. Robie	50.00
Daniel Bell	100.00
George W. Stevens, Library	339.80

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\$2,109.80

**GREAT HILL CEMETERY NOTES**

William White	75.00
Edmund Sleeper	45.00
Hannah Williams	50.00
Sarah A. True	75.00
Henry Moore	60.00
Samuel Parker	40.00
Lot Knowles	50.00
Charles H. Knowles	50.00
Charles Stevens	60.00

Oren F. Page	40.00
Hills Stevens	50.00
David Lane	70.00
Caroline M. Hall	50.00
Parker Morse	50.00
<b>George Marden</b>	50.00
James W. Gordon	50.00
James H. Hardy	50.00
George S. West	50.00
George H. Jack	60.00
Amos Hazelton	75.00
Ephraim Orcutt	50.00
Augustus Morse	50.00
Charles F. True	50.00
<b>French Heath</b>	50.00
Mary Merrill	25.00
Hannah M. Sawyer	50.00
James DeLeskey	75.00
W. F. Warren	50.00

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\$1,500.00

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**Liabilities**

Notes due Trustees of Trust Funds	3,609.80
Due School District, including dog tax	1,661.60

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\$5,271.40

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**AUDITORS' REPORT**

Chester, N. H.

February 5, 1944

This is to certify that we have examined the books and accounts of the Selectmen of the town and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

George W. Kimball

B. D. Mills

Alvah G. Healey

Auditors

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

There were 108 Dog Licenses issued during the year. The Clerk received \$286.51.

Dog Tags cost \$5.10, Postage \$1.01. The Treasurer was paid \$258.80, and the Clerk retained \$21.60 in fees.

During the year Automobile Town Taxes totaled \$675.58 which was paid to the Treasurer monthly.

R. C. Hazelton

Town Clerk

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## TREASURER'S REPORT

of the Town of Chester, N. H.

for the year ending January 31, 1944

### Receipts

Cash balance from last year	\$4,710.84
<b>Tax Collector:</b>	
Property tax, 1942	\$2,454.82
Poll tax, 1942	86.00
Poll tax, 1942 omitted and added	6.00
Property tax, 1942 bought by the Town and redeemed	283.45
Property tax, 1941 bought by the Town and redeemed	225.22
Property tax, 1940 bought by the Town and redeemed	168.62
Interest, 1942	107.57
Property tax, 1943	16,624.64
Property tax, 1943 omitted and added	28.60
Poll tax, 1943	576.00
Poll tax, 1943 omitted and added	22.00

First National Bank, Derry,	
tax on stock, 1943	14.55
Interest, 1943	7.50
Interest, 1941	19.40
Interest, 1940	32.25
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	\$20,656.62
Town Clerk:	
Auto permits, 1942	.54
Auto permits, 1943	675.04
Filing fees	5.00
Dog licenses	258.80
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	\$939.38
Forest Fires:	
State Treasurer	9.90
Carl B. Peterson	39.58
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	49.48
State Treasurer:	
Railroad tax	22.88
Savings Bank tax	238.10
Interest and Dividends tax	1,024.24
Refund	5.00
	_____
	1,290.22
Selectmen:	
Sale of land	401.40
	_____
	401.40
Sandown:	
Snow removal	20.00
	_____
	20.00

Edward E. Griffin:	
Rent of halls	100.50
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	100.50
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	\$28,168.44

Expenditures	
Paid Selectmen's Orders, Nos.	
276-487	21,148.75
Cash in First National Bank,	
Derry, N. H.	7,019.69
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	\$28,168.44
Leroy D. Morse	
Treasurer	

#### AUDITORS REPORT

Chester, N. H., February 5, 1944.

We have examined the books of the Treasurer of the town and find them correctly and properly vouched.

George Kimball  
Alvah G. Healey  
Byron D. Mills

Auditors.

#### PAYMENTS

Town officers' salaries	825.00
Town officers' expenses	481.39
Election and registration	45.50
Town Halls	1,141.02
Police Department	84.20
Fire Department and Forest Fire expense	861.21
Damage by dogs	44.60
War Emergency account	161.69
Health Department	26.10

Vital Statistics	12.00
Town Road Maintenance	2,147.83
Town Road aid	254.99
General expense of highway	525.12
Bounties	2.50
Street lighting	1,449.66
Libraries	235.00
Old age assistance	534.02
Town poor	55.50
Memorial Day	54.90
Service Board	15.00
Parks and Playgrounds	34.00
Cemeteries	63.80
Legal expenses	8.75
Taxes bought by town	400.82
Taxes on H. C. Webster Estate	43.00
Discounts	317.23
Auto Permits	68.50
Victory Tax	13.02
Wrong tax	58.00
Tractor House	851.66
Interest	126.34
County tax	2,759.78
School money	7,251.62
Moth extermination	191.88
Refund	3.12
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	\$21,148.75

#### DETAIL STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

##### Detail No. 1

###### Town Officers' Salaries

Austin C. Hunt, Selectman	200.00
Philip G. Hazelton, Selectman	175.00
Preston E. Goodrich, Selectman	150.00

Leroy D. Morse, Treasurer	50.00
Roland A. Nichols, Tax Collector	200.00
Robert C. Hazelton, Town Clerk	50.00
	825.00

Detail No. 2

Town Officers' Expenses

Austin C. Hunt, Selectman	25.00
Philip G. Hazelton, Selectman	25.00
Preston E. Goodrich, Selectman	25.00
Leroy D. Morse, Treasurer	35.00
Roland A. Nichols, Tax Collector	15.00
Mildred F. Hunt, Trust Fund	
Treasurer	10.00
	135.00

Detail No. 2 B

News-Enterprise Press, printing	143.75
Wheeler and Clark, supplies	23.37
Preston E. Goodrich, Auditors,	
Postage, Mdse.	22.54
Ruth N. Ray, stamped envelopes	10.96
Mildred F. Hunt, Clerical work,	
postage	16.75
Curtis Insurance Agency, officers	
bonds and insurance	.95.00
George Kimball, notice to tax payers	2.95
John W. A. Green, copying transfers	11.20
Wilfred Boisclair, copying transfers	.10
Frank B. Nay, recording	.40
Chester Telephone Co., telephone	
service	6.06
Grinnell & Grinnell, making deeds	3.00
Tribune Pub. Co., Tax Collectors	
blanks	2.08

Edward Griffin, Justice of Peace	.25
First National Bank, Derry,	
safety box rent	2.40
Roland Nichols, deeds	4.50
Edson Eastman, Treasurer report	
blanks	1.08
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	346.39

Detail No. 3

Election and Registration

Leon G. Simonds, Ballot Clerk	4.00
Edwin P. Jones, Supervisor of	
Checklist	1.50
Arthur West, Supervisor of	
Checklist	7.50
Carroll Backmann, Supervisor of	
Checklist	7.50
Edward Griffin, Election	4.00
George E. Pettigrew, Police	4.00
Bernard Sanborn, Ballot Clerk	4.00
John A. Weeks, Ballot Clerk	4.00
Byron Mills, Ballot Clerk	4.00
Walter Tenney, Moderator	5.00
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	45.50

Detail No. 4

Stevens Memorial Hall and Old Town Hall	
Derry Electric Co., light service	64.84
Chester Telephone Co., telephone service	19.79
Clarence Wetherbee, merchandise and labor	2.00
Curtis Insurance Agency, insurance	
on fixtures, etc.	32.50
Holland Furnace Co., furnace	494.94
Preston E. Goodrich, rubber runner	3.15
Wilcomb Townsend Home, cord of wood	18.75

Earl Hazelton, sawing wood	6.00
J. J. Moreau, merechandise for hall	1.75
Bernard Sanborn, wood	260.50
Herbert Ray, slabs	18.00
Edward Griffin, janitor salary, extra work	218.80
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	1,141.02

Detail No. 5

Police Department

Edward E. Griffin	80.20
George E. Pettigrew, Police and Dog Officer	48.60
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	128.80

Detail No. 6

Fire Department and Forest Fire Account

Derry Electric Co., lights	13.00
Hunt's Garage, tires for fire trucks	81.66
Curtis Insurance Agency, insurance	70.66
State of N. H., 12 lanterns	5.50
Preston E. Goodrich, express	.64
Judy's Lunch, gas for Fire Dept.	13.44
Blanchard Assoc. Inc., repairing hose	1.11
Milo Chase, 2 cans Top Oil	1.00
Aubrey I. Robinson, firemans insurance	31.00
Holmes & Wheeler, coal	15.55
Boston Woven Hose & Rubber Co., hose and fixtures	363.84
Philip Hazelton, insurance	10.00
Spollett's Garage, gas, oil, etc.	8.15
George Gove, moving stove	36.72
J. J. Moreau & Son, merchandise	3.22
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	655.49

Forest Fire

Victor Spollett, Forest Fire Dept.	152.22
Harry Estes, watching fire at Old Town Hall	7.50
Raymond Fire Dept., forest fire	46.00
	205.72

Detail No. 7

Health Department and Vital Statistics

Edward Griffin, cleaning spring	1.10
Preston E. Goodrich., salary and expense	25.00
Robert Hazelton, Vital Statistics	12.00
	38.10

Detail No. 8

Old Age Assistance, paid State	534.02
Town Poor	55.50
	589.52

Detail No. 9

Street lights	1,449.66
War emergency	161.69
	1,611.35

Detail No. 10

Tractor House Account

George E. Gillingham, lumber	91.50
Milo Chase, material	33.78
Samuel McElroy, labor	45.90
Albert White, labor	46.93
Austin Hunt, express	.55
J J. Moreau & Son, merchandise	23.84
Hayford Kimball, lumber	215.89
Walter Berry, labor	42.00

Harry Edwards, labor	16.50
Alix Auger, labor	294.75
Preston Goodrich, painting, merchandise, transporting	40.02
	851.66

Detail No. 11

Bounties, 5 H. hogs	2.50
Discounts	317.23
Wrong tax	58.00
Moth extermination	191.88
Refund	3.12
Service Board	15.00
	587.73

REPORT OF ROAD AGENT

Charles H. Smith

Town Roads

Allen, Arthur, housing tractor	2.00
Church, Muriel, labor of 2 men	4.00
Estes, Harry, scraping	116.80
Clements, Felix, gas and oil	75.53
Fortier, Herman, scraping with tractor	83.60
Eagan, George, labor	65.50
Eustis, James, labor	4.80
Gulf Oil Corp., oil	7.80
Griffin, Edward, painting signs	1.50
Gonyer, Henry, truck	32.00
Haezton, Robert, parts	3.53
Holman, Arthur, labor	3.00
Lane, Walter, sawing bridge plank	15.00
Ray, Herbert, scraping	31.20
Towle, James, labor, 175 ft. oak	38.75

Towle, James, Jr., labor	15.00
Sanborn, Bernard, truck	1.50
Smith, Charles, foreman, 90 ft. plank	107.60
Weeks, John, labor	2.00
Wells, Wilson, gas	47.50
Webster, George, spikes	1.90
	660.51

#### SNOW

Abbott, Chester, with tractor	8.00
Andrews, William, sanding	4.60
Allen, Arthur, labor	40.50
Beairsto, George, gas	1.49
Clements, Felix, gas	14.12
Edwards, Merton, labor	6.50
Edwards, Harry, labor	9.75
Estes, Harry, with tractor, labor	20.90
Eagan, George, labor	10.75
Eustis, James, with tractor	80.20
Fortier, Herman, truck, tractor, snow plow	317.50
Gulf Oil Corp., 1-14 gal. drum of oil and drum	12.22
Hazelton, Earl, labor	5.00
Hazelton, Robert, grease and labor	6.49
Lessard, Paul, sanding	2.00
Monish, A. R., gas	3.23
MacDonald, Harlan, labor	.80
Rand, L. P., gas and Piro	5.85
Ray, Herbert, and truck	33.00
Smith, Charles, foreman	59.20
Wells, Wilson, gas and oil	31.23
Well, Adelbert, labor	16.50
Ware, Lawrence, with tractor	24.00
	713.83

State for graveling	764.09
State for thawing culverts	18.60
Town of Auburn for plowing snow	12.00
	794.69

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE TRUSTEES  
OF THE CHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

Receipts

Balance from 1943	44.81
Feb. 6, J. C. Chase Fund	13.75
Mar. 13, Received from Town	25.00
June 5, Received from Town	100.00
Aug 5, J. C. Chase Fund	13.75
Oct. 9, Received from Town	85.00
1944	
Jan. 31, Received from Town	25.00
Feb. 2, J. C. Chase Fund	13.75
Feb. 2, Geo. Stevens Fund	11.89
	332.95

Expenses

Laura C. Colman	118.40
Goodman's Book Store	127.29
Mildred Robie, magazines	25.50
Money Orders	.38
	271.57
Cash to balance	61.38
	332.95

### LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Books added to the library in 1943	92
Purchased with town money	70
Purchased with fines	5
Given	17
Books discarded and lost	20
Number of books taken out during year	4,851
Largest number any one day—June 19	91
Smallest number—May 12	8
Average of each Library day	48
Per cent of fiction read	72
Per cent of non-fiction read	28
Number of new cards issued	13
Dr.	
Money received in fines	16.92
Balance on hand from 1942	22.93
	39.85
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Expended for assistant, books and needed supplies	30.91
Cash on hand	8.94
	39.85

Books have been presented to the Library as gifts by Mrs. Hans Hammerick and Mrs. Victor Spollett.

Magazines were given by Mrs. G. Henry Learnard, Mrs. Harold R. Lewis, Mrs. Dorothy Peterson, and the State Planning and Development Commission.

In addition to books and magazines, copies of the Christian Science Monitor have been received from Miss Abigail Hazelton and one year's subscription to the Derry News from Mildred S. Robie.

The Library subscribes to the American Magazine, Better Homes and Gardens, Collier's, Country Gentleman, Etude, Good Housekeeping, Hygeia, Ladies' Home

Journal, Life and Health, McCall's, National Geographic, Nature, Popular Science, Reader's Digest, Wee Wisdom, and the Woman's Home Companion.

The number catalogued books is 5,994

To all those who have presented gifts or rendered helpful service to the Library, I wish to express my sincere appreciation, and make grateful acknowledgement.

Laura C. Colman  
Librarian.

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#### VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The year 1943 we answered the following calls in town:

Chimney fires 11, Building fires 2, Forest Fires 6.

During the year we were called to assist at the Hampstead village fire and also one in Sandown and at the forest fire in Auburn.

Damage during the year has been slight with the exception of the Old Town Hall which was a total loss, much regretted by the Department.

The Fire Chief requests that anyone calling the operator to report a fire, give full details to avoid unnecessary delay.

New equipment:

500 feet 1½" fire hose

150 feet 2½" fire hose

12 kerosene lanterns

2 tires for hose trucks

New stove for fire house.

450 feet of this hose was to replace old unserviceable hose.

Victor B. Spollett  
Fire Chief.

## REPORT OF THE FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Crisis like the present test the quality and sincerity of everyone's patriotism and citizenship. The times make such unavoidable demands for universal cooperation in the many lines of essential regular and emergency public endeavor that the response given may well be assumed to be the real measure of one's love of country and his appreciation of the opportunities it offers. Ranking high in the list of public endeavor is the protection of our forests from fire. It calls for full and generous cooperation by each of us. Fire statistics indicate that better than 98 per cent of all fires in New Hampshire are man-caused. If human carelessness could be eliminated from the problem, the number of fires would drop to a mere minimum of less than 2 percent of present figures and fire costs and losses would reduce in proportion. While this goal will not be achieved because of the perversity of human nature, the record can be vastly improved through individual discipline, alertness and cooperation.

Your town warden is, perhaps, more perplexed and anxious during these war years than ever before because of increased forest fire hazards and diminishing supplies of available man-power. He looks directly to you to aid him. Will you? You can aid him most effectively by always securing the required permit before attempting to burn and by complying fully with permit requirements; by being patient when he advises of departmental restrictions on permit burning or that he deems it unsafe to burn; and by giving him the needed assistance in extinguishing fires when he needs your help. To do so is to meet one real test of citizenship.

Victor B. Spollett, Acting Forest  
Fire Warden, Chester.

FINANCIAL ACCOUNT, 1943  
WILCOMB-TOWNSEND HOME  
Revenue

Bal. Jan. 31st, 1943	106.76
Rent Townsend place	100.00
Wood sold	12.00
Anaccnda Div.	.50
Drawn from M. S. B.	200.00
Sale of grass	10.00
Anaconda Div.	.50
Drawn from Amoskeag S. B.	600.00
Wood sold	44.75
Anaconda Div.	.50
Anaconda Div.	1.00
Wood sold	25.78
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	\$1,101.79

Disbursements

Funeral expense	134.00
Painting of buildings	378.55
Current expenses	22.76
Miscellaneous	25.00
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	\$560.31

Revenue	\$1,101.79
Disbursements	560.31
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	541.48
Bank bal. per Statement	543.14
Less uncancelled check	1.66
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Balance	\$541.48
Cash on hand for paint returned	3.00
For broken discarded chairs	2.00

## THE GREAT HILL CEMETERY

Number of lots sold to date	3
Balance on Hand Jan. 31, 1944:	
Savings Bank, Derry	16.96
Checking account	184.71
Perpetual care	75.08
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	\$276.75

### ACCOUNT OF THE CEMETERY TRUSTEES

#### Amos T. French Cemetery Land

January 31, 1943

Balance on Hand:

In Savings Bank	401.24
In National Bank	300.00
Received from:	
Sale of scrap	2.05
Interest	27.33
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	730.62

Expenditures:

Purchase of lot	12.00
Earle M. Hazelton, labor	20.00
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	32.00

Balance January 31, 1944

In savings bank	411.33
In National Bank	287.29
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	730.62

Harry C. Edwards

Walton E. Leighton

George W. Kimball

Trustees

AUDITORS REPORT

Chester, N. H.

Feb. 5, 1944

This is to certify that we have examined the books and accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

B. D. Mills

Alvah Healey

Auditors



**REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF CHESTER, ON JANUARY 31, 1944.**

Date of Creation	TRUST FUNDS— PURPOSE OF CREATION	HOW INVESTED					
		Amount of Principal	Rate of Interest	Balance of Income on Hand at Beginning of Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance of Income on Hand at End of Year
May 3, 1904	John W. Noyes by will	Amoskeag Savings Bank	30.00	2 1/2	.04	7.54	6.85
Mar. 15, 1906	William W. White by will	Town Note	75.00	3 1/2	.12	2.62	1.75
Dec. 23, 1908	Luther W. Hall by will	Amoskeag Savings Bank	10.00	2 1/2	.01	2.51	2.00
Dec. 24, 1908	Edmund Sleeper by Heirs	Town Note	45.00	3 1/2	.08	1.58	1.50
June 17, 1909	Hannah M. William by same	Town Note	50.00	3 1/2	.25	1.75	1.00
Feb. 10, 1910	George W. Stevens by same	Amoskeag Savings Bank	339.80	2 1/2	3.23	8.63	8.75
Aug. 23, 1910	Sarah A. True	Town Note	75.00	3 1/2	.12	2.62	1.25
Aug. 23, 1910	Henry Moore by Emma M. Moore	Town Note	60.00	3 1/2	.10	2.10	2.00
July 7, 1911	Samuel S. Parker by same	Town Note	40.00	3 1/2	.15	1.40	1.25
Oct. 3, 1911	Charles A. Dearborn by will	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2 1/2	.01	2.51	2.25
Oct. 11, 1911	Rev. Charles Tenney by Mary E. Tenney	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2 1/2	.01	2.51	1.00
June 3, 1912	Lot Knowles by Heirs	Town Note	50.00	3 1/2	.25	1.75	1.75
Oct. 31, 1914	Cynthia J. Brown by will	Amoskeag Savings Bank	50.00	2 1/2	.01	1.26	1.25
Feb. 16, 1915	Jonathan Pressey by will	Amoskeag Savings Bank	45.00	2 1/2		1.12	1.00
Aug. 30, 1916	John Hazelton by Susan Hazelton	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2 1/2	.04	2.51	2.50
Nov. 25, 1916	Charles H. Knowles by same	Town Note	50.00	3 1/2	.25	1.75	1.50

Feb. 16, 1916	Charles Stevens by will	Town Note	.20	2.00
Aug. 25, 1917	Oren F. Page by Mary A. Byard	Town Note	40.00	3 1/2
Sept. 29, 1917	Hills Stevens, by Lydia A. Newell	Town Note	50.00	3 1/2
Nov. 1, 1917	David Lane by Sarah E. Lane	Town Note	70.00	3 1/2
June 30, 1918	Caroline M. Hall by will	Town Note	50.00	3 1/2
June 30, 1918	George L. Converse by will	Amoskeag Savings Bank	50.00	2 1/2
Mar. 26, 1919	Parker Morse by Clarence O. Morse	Town Note	50.00	3 1/2
Mar. 26, 1919	George Marden by Clarence O. Morse	Town Note	50.00	3 1/2
Oct. 1, 1924	James W. Gordon by will	Town Note	50.00	3 1/2
Oct. 28, 1924	James H. Hardy by Abbie Hardy	Town Note	50.00	3 1/2
Mar. 20, 1925	Lydia J. Ramsey by same by Kate V. Colby	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2 1/2
Sept. 25, 1925	George S. West by Gertrude J. West	Town Note	50.00	3 1/2
Jan. 23, 1926	Mills & Wilson by Frank M. Mills	Amoskeag Savings Bank	250.00	2 1/2
Oct. 5, 1926	Helen F. Soule by same	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2 1/2
April 6, 1928	George Herman Jack by Jessie Stevens Jack	Town Note	60.00	3 1/2
June 5, 1928	Amos Hazelton by Elizabeth S. Hook	Town Note	75.00	3 1/2
June 5, 1928	James & J. Albert Hook by Elizabeth S. Hook	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2 1/2
June 5, 1925	Ephraim Orcutt by Elizabeth S. Hook	Town Note	50.00	3 1/2
Jan. 2, 1929	Augustus P. Morse by Augustus P. Morse	Town Note	50.00	3 1/2
Dec. 31, 1929	Charles F. True by will per Sarah J. True	Town Note	50.00	3 1/2

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF CHESTER, ON JANUARY 31, 1944.

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		CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS	Balance of Income During Year					
Jan. 5, 1931	French - Heath by Jennie C. Heath	Town Note	50.00	3 1/2	1.75	1.75		
Jan. 1, 1929	Mary E. Merrill by same	Town Note	25.00	3 1/2	.37	.87	1.00	.24
May 30, 1930	Arthur L. Morse and Harry Roberts by same	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2 1/2	.01	2.51	2.00	.52
April 27, 1931	George A. Hosley by Emma Hosley	Amoskeag Savings Bank	200.00	2 1/2	1.14	5.05	5.60	.59
Mar. 12, 1929	John C. Chase by same	Amoskeag Sav. Bank	200.00	2 1/2	3.45	5.10	5.00	3.55
May 1, 1920	Village Cemetery by Clarence O. Morse	Registered Bond	1,000.00	3 1/4	1.96	32.81	32.00	2.77
May 25, 1918	Albert Knippee by same	Town Note	100.00	3 1/2	2.06	3.55	2.50	3.11
June 29, 1918	Sarah U. Lane by will	Town Note	200.00	3 1/2	29.25	7.73	2.00	34.98
April 15, 1919	John West by Sarah F. Robinson	Town Note	50.00	3 1/2	.25	1.75	1.50	.50
April 15, 1919	Joseph Knowles	Town Note	100.00	3 1/2	1.53	3.53	4.00	1.06
April 15, 1919	Robert & Rebecca Knowles	Town Note	100.00	3 1/2	5.81	3.64	5.00	4.45
Jan. 31, 1920	John W. West 2nd by will	Town Note	50.00	3 1/2		1.75	1.50	.25
Jan. 31, 1920	Elizabeth I. Kent by will	Town Note	100.00	3 1/2	1.55	3.53	4.50	.58
April 30, 1921	Page Reed Smith by Josephine Lovering	Town Note	80.00	3 1/2	.30	2.80	1.50	1.60

April 30, 1921	Sally Lovering Sleeper	Town Note	40.00	3 1/2	.15	1.40	1.00
June 28, 1921	Joseph Dane by Nellie E. Dane	Town Note	50.00	3 1/2	.25	1.75	1.50
Nov. 26, 1921	Mary E. Bean by will	Town Note	50.00	3 1/2		1.75	1.50
May 27, 1922	John E. Emery by Richard S. Emery	Town Note	100.00	3 1/2	.07	3.50	2.00
Sept. 30, 1922	George Wells by Carrie L. Warren	Town Note	100.00	3 1/2	.30	3.50	.80
Oct. 3, 1922	Amos Green by Charles H. Green	Town Note	100.00	3 1/2	2.09	3.55	2.25
Oct. 3, 1922	Charles H. Green by Charles H. Green	Town Note	100.00	3 1/2	2.67	3.56	3.00
Mar. 31, 1923	Silas F. Learnard by Martha Learnard	Town Note	100.00	3 1/2	1.00	3.50	2.25
May 3, 1923	Samuel S. Warren by Orpha A. Warren	Town Note	50.00	3 1/2	.25	1.75	2.00
Nov. 20, 1923	Mark Sanborn by Heirs	Town Note	50.00	3 1/2	.25	1.75	1.00
Nov. 30, 1923	Moses Pingree by will	Town Note	100.00	3 1/2	1.00	3.50	2.25
Dec. 22, 1923	Herbert W. Robie	Town Note	50.00	3 1/2	.25	1.75	.75
Jan. 31, 1924	Daniel Bell by will	Town Note	100.00	3 1/2		3.50	1.00
July 1, 1931	Hannah M. Sawyer by will	Town Note	50.00	3 1/2	.25	1.75	.50
Oct. 13, 1931	James DeLeskey by Rilla Day	Town Note	75.00	3 1/2	1.15	2.63	2.00
Jan. 28, 1932	George F. West by Heirs	Amoskeag Savings Bank	185.00	2 1/2	3.55	4.73	6.50
May 7, 1932	The Mills Family by Heirs of Annie Mills	Amoskeag Savings Bank	200.00	2 1/2	2.60	5.09	5.75
Aug. 3, 1932	C. F. Marston by will	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2 1/2	.01	2.51	2.00
May 2, 1933	Buzzell A. Follansbee by Herman Follansbee	Manchester Savings Bank	60.00	2 1/2	.21	1.50	.01
Aug. 1, 1933	Carlos Noyes by will	Manchester Savings B:	75.00	2 1/2	.27	1.89	1.50
Jan. 11, 1933	A. H. Wilcomb by will	Amoskeag Savings Bank	224.00	2 1/2	30.92	6.63	17.75
		Mortgage D. A. Hamilton	220.00	5			22.00

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				Rate of Interest	Amount of Income		
Jan. 19, 1934	CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2 1/2	.01	2.51	2.50
July 9, 1934	Josie Gerah by will	Amoskeag Savings Bank	150.00	2 1/2	.31	3.78	4.00
July 8, 1935	John F. & Jennie E. Green, Heirs	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2 1/2	.01	2.51	.09
Nov. 5, 1935	Lucy Lawrence by will	Amoskeag Savings Bank	200.00	2 1/2	1.48	5.05	.52
May 26, 1936	Ellen A. Coates by same	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2 1/2	.01	2.51	2.78
Feb. 23, 1937	Joseph Webster by Heirs	Amoskeag Savings Bank	50.00	3 1/2	.25	1.75	.47
May 20, 1937	W. F. Warren by Frank Warren	Town Note	100.00	2 1/2	1.51	2.54	.50
May 8, 1937	Valeria A. Towle by will	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2 1/2	1.66	2.54	.55
Aug. 14, 1937	Mabel J. Brickett by will	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2 1/2	.87	2.53	1.95
Aug. 19, 1937	Charles E. Cook by same	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2 1/2	.01	2.51	.15
	Moses Webster, Heirs	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2 1/2	.01	2.51	.77
Oct. 23, 1937	The Melvin Fund by John Tracy	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2 1/2	.01	2.51	.52
June 28, 1938	Fred B. and Alice E. Boyles by Abbott W. Boyles	Amoskeag Savings Bank	150.00	2 1/2	.29	3.78	.32
Dec. 8, 1938	Thomas J. Melvin by Helen E. Melvin by will	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2 1/2	.52	2.51	.53
Mar. 1, 1939	James Marden by daughter	Amoskeag Savings Bank	40.00	2 1/2	.01	1.00	1.00
	Chester Noyes Greenough by Ruth H. Greenough	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2 1/2	.01	2.51	1.50

CEMETERY TRUST FINDS

**REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF CHESTER, ON JANUARY 31, 1944.**

Date of Creation	TRUST FUNDS— PURPOSE OF CREATION	HOW INVESTED		Amount of Principal	Rate of Interest on Hand at Beginning of Year.	Income During Year	Expenditure During Year	Balance of Income on Hand at End of Year.
		Debtors of Income on Hand at Beginning of Year.	Debtors of Income on Hand at End of Year.					
Feb. 10, 1910	George W. Stevens by will	Town Note	339.80	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	11.89	11.89		
Jan. 2, 1931	John C. Chase by John C. Chase	Holliston Water Co.,	500.00	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	41.25	41.25		
1915	The Wilcomb Home Fund by Mary J. Wilcomb	Amoskeag Savings Bank Manchester Savings Bank U. S. Registered Bond	3,466.98 919.04 1,000.00		5,386.02			
1927	Lydia A. Newell Home Fund by Lydia A. Newell	Amoskeag Savings Bank Manchester Savings Bank	4,286.62 4,620.67 4,389.32					\$13,296.61

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of the Trustees of Trust Funds and find them correctly cast and properly vouchered. Geo. W. Kimball, B. D. Mills, Alvah G. Healey. Auditors. Chester, N. H., Feb. 5, 1944.

## SCHOOL DISTRICT OF CHESTER

## MODERATOR

Roy Morse

**CLERK**

Mildred Hunt

## TREASURER

Carrie Richardson

## SCHOOL BOARD

George Kimball

## SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Everton H. Parkinson

Residence, Derry, N. H. Telephone - Office 195

## SCHOOL NURSE

Lillian S. Mackintosh

Residence, Chester, N. H. Telephone - Chester 12-2

### ATTENDANCE OFFICER

Edward E. Griffin

## AUDITOR

Byron Mills

## TEACHERS UNDER APPOINTMENT

School	Name	P. O. Address
Village Primary	True, Avis	Chester, N. H.
Village Intermediate	Fowler, Doris	Chester, N. H.
Village Grammar	Ethel Scott, Substitute	Derry, N. H.
Towle	Hazel Hart	Chester, N. H.

SCHOOL CALENDAR  
September 1943 - June 1944

1943

First Period:

Opens Wednesday, Sept. 8 Closes Wednesday, Nov. 24

Second Period:

Opens Monday, Nov. 29 Closes Wednesday, Dec. 22

1944

Third Period:

Opens Monday, Jan. 3 Closes Friday, Feb. 18

Fourth Period:

Opens Monday, Feb. 28 Closes Friday, April 21

Fifth Period:

Opens Monday, May 1 Closes at end of 180  
Teaching Days

September 1944-June 1945

1944

First Period:

Opens Wednesday, Sept. 6 Closes Wednesday, Nov. 22

Second Period:

Opens Monday, Nov. 27 Closes Thursday, Dec. 21

1945

Third Period:

Opens Tuesday, Jan. 2 Closes Friday, Feb. 16

Fourth Period:

Opens Monday, Feb. 26 Closes Friday, April 20

Fifth Period:

Opens Monday, April 30 Closes at end of 180  
Teaching Days

SCHOOL WARRANT  
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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To the Inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Chester, N. H., qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Stevens Hall in said district on the 14th day of March, 1944 at 10:30 o'clock in the morning, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officer or agent of the district.
6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
7. To choose Agents, Auditors, and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.
8. To see if the district will vote to make any alteration in the amount of money required to be assessed for the ensuing year for the support of public schools and the payment of the statutory obligations of the district, as determined by the school board in its annual report.
9. To see if the district will authorize the moderator to appoint a committee of seven members to consist of the chairman of the school board and the other two members and four other citizens, one of whom shall be a member of the Board of Selectmen, to serve as a school building committee to present at the next annual meeting, or a special district meeting called by

the school board, plans and recommendations for providing more adequate school facilities in Chester.

10. To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred (\$500) dollars for repairs on the Brick school house.

11. To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four hundred dollars (\$400) for desks for the Brick school.

12. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands at said Chester this 10th day of February, 1944.

Mabel Finnigan  
Ella Allen  
George Kimball

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

Mabel Finnigan  
Ella Allen  
George Kimball

## BUDGET

Item	Appro. for 1943-44	Proposed for 1944-45
<b>Payments</b>		
Support of Schools		
Teachers' salaries	\$3,903.00	\$4,400.00
Text books	150.00	126.00
Scholars supplies	175.00	187.00
Flags	5.00	5.00
Other expenses of instruction	20.00	20.00
Janitors salaries	156.00	156.00
Fuel	300.00	300.00
Light & janitor supplies	50.00	50.00
Maintenance	150.00	150.00
Health inspection	150.00	174.28
Transportation	1,400.00	1,550.00
Tuition—high school	2,875.00	3,655.74
<b>Other Statutory Obligations</b>		
Salaris of district officers	166.00	176.00
Superintendent's excess salary	160.00	153.33
Truant officer & census	15.00	15.00
Expenses of administration	35.00	45.00
Insurance	7.05	142.50
Per capita tax	310.00	282.00
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Total payments	10,027.05	11,587.85
<b>Income</b>		
Cash on hand July 1	800.00	500.00
State aid	1,378.45	1,648.02
Dog tax	50.00	100.00
Trust funds	137.00	137.00
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Total estimated income	2,365.45	2,385.02

Total estimated payments	10,027.05	11,587.85
Total estimated income	2,365.45	2,385.02
Tax levy	7,661.60	9,202.83

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT

July 1, 1942 to June 30, 1943

#### INCOME

Cash on hand July 1, 1942	845.98
Tax levy	8,037.61
Dog tax	214.01
Trust funds	137.48
State aid	1,378.45

Total available resources \$10,613.53

#### PAYMENTS

##### Support of Schools

Teachers salaries	3,678.40
Books	165.23
Supplies	160.72
Flags	1.54
Other expenses of instruction	6.40
Janitor service	156.00
Fuel	185.50
Water, light & janitor's supplies	49.99
Minor repairs	238.12
Medical inspection	153.55
Transportation	1,368.40
Tuition—high school	2,113.83
New equipment	143.40
Rebate (dog tax)	71.38
Other expenses (Victory tax)	26.70

#### OTHER STATUTORY OBLIGATIONS

Salaries of district officers	166.00
Superintendents excess salary	101.28

'Truant officer & census	15.25
Expenses of administration	42.28
Per capita tax	284.00
Total payments	9,127.97
Cash on hand June 30, 1943	\$1,485.56

This is to certify that I have examined the books and other financial records of the school board of Chester, of which this is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30 1943, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

Lewis J. Gordon

Auditor

July 13, 1943.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

July 1, 1942 to June 1943.

Cash on hand June 30, 1942	845.98
Received from selectmen (appropriation)	8,037.61
Received from selectmen (dog tax)	214.01
Received from State Treasurer (State Aid)	1,378.45
Received from trust funds	137.48
Total amount available for fiscal year	\$10,613.53
Less school board orders paid	9,127.97
Balance on hand as of June 30, 1943	1,485.56

Carrie A. Richardson

District Treasurer

This is to certify that I have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Chester, N. H., of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1943, and find them correct in all respects.

Lewis J. Gordon

Auditor

July 13, 1943.

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#### SCHOOL NURSE'S REPORT

Mr. Everton H. Parkinson  
Superintendent of Schools  
Derry, N. H.

I submit the following report for the Chester Schools:  
corrected:

Number of pupils examined	100	
Number of pupils with defective vision	7	2
Number of pupils with defective hearing	2	1
Number of pupils with defective teeth	52	18
Number of pupils with defective tonsils	1	
Cases of communicable diseases		
Mumps	4	
Children attended dental clinic	14	
Number of visits to schools	83	
Number of visits to homes	52	

Respectfully submitted,

Lillian S. Mackintosh

School Nurse

## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

### Statistical Reports

#### Enrollment

The total enrollment for grades one through eight for the period ending January 31, 1944 was 106 as compared to 106 for the same period last year and 128 two years ago.

The membership by school and grade for January 31, 1944 follows:

School	Grades								Total
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
Primary	8	12	10	8	10				48
Grammar						10	8	7	25
Towle	2	4	3	3	1	4	2	2	21
Totals	10	16	13	11	11	14	10	9	94

The number of Chester pupils who were in attendance at high school on January 31, 1944 may be seen from the following:

School	Grades				Total
	9	10	11	12	
Pinkerton Academy	6	4	2	1	13
Raymond High	4	4	2	4	14
Totals	10	8	4	5	27

#### Statistics for the School Year Ending June 30, 1943.

Total registration	113
Half days schools were in session	344
Average membership	99.994
Average attendance	91.093
Per cent of attendance	91.098
(State Average 92.94).	
Pupils not absent nor tardy	7
Cases of tardiness	74
Non-resident pupils	0

Pupils transported at district expenses	19
Number of pupils promoted	103
Number of pupils not promoted	3
Per cent not promoted	2.8

### Attendance Honor Roll

The following pupils were neither absent nor tardy for the school year September 1942 to June 1943.

Village	Towle
Grade 3	Grade 4
Gates, Agnes	Carroll, Earl
Grade 5	Grade 5
Davis, Albert	Wason, Jean
Lessard, Louis	
MacDonald, Phyllis	

### Census Returns, September 30, 1943

Number of resident children 5 to 16	
in local schools	100
Number 5 to 16 in Pinkerton Academy	10
Number 5 to 16 in high schools outside district	4
Number 5 to 16 in elementary schools outside district	0
Total number 5 to 16 in some school	114
Number 5 to 8 not in school	8
Number 8 to 14 not in school	0
Number 14 to 16 not in school	1
Total number of children 5 to 16 not in some school	9
Total number of resident children, Sept. 30, 1943	123
Total number of resident children, Sept. 30, 1942	116

On Wednesday evening, June 16, 1943 graduation exercises were held in the Stevens Memorial Hall for twelve pupils who had completed the prescribed elementary program of studies. Appropriate exercises preceded the awarding of certificates to the following:

Grammar School

Eugene Barnes	Leola Mitchell
Joan Berry	Emily Porter
Paul Berry	Thelma Porter
Margaret Hills	Phyllis Richardson
Lester Lewis	Mary Sanborn

Albert Warren

Towle School

Barbara MacFarland

Organization and Administration

The problem of teaching personnel has made itself felt in the Chester schools. Unfortunately change of residence made it necessary for Mrs. Emily Philbrook to resign her position at Thanksgiving time. Until such time as the services of Mrs. Ethel Scott were available substitutes for a few days at a time made the educational program in the grammar school lack continuity. Mrs. Holmes' resignation made a vacancy which was difficult to fill. Mrs. Hazel Hart was finally secured to fill the vacancy. With the return of Mrs. True and Miss Fowler the schools have with the exception of the period noted above been regularly in charge of competent experienced teachers. It is of tremendous value to the children to have such competent teachers in charge. It is the policy of your superintendent to engage teachers of successful experience, when available, and in the long run such a policy will prove beneficial to the pupils.

The policy of augmenting the available supply of reading materials has been continued. In so far as available funds permit replacement of the oldest texts are made when newer books offer definite advantages to the pupils of Chester schools.

The greatest disruption to the regular program of the schools occurred with the loss of the old Town Hall. The entire system of the town was effected because supplies for all schools were stored in the building. Pencils and pencil sharpeners destroyed are irreplaceable. All other supplies have been replaced and the schools have had no interruptions except for the grammar school program. Books were ordered and with few exceptions were in the hands of the pupils upon the reopening of schools after Christmas. The greatest adjustment was necessary in the use of the new books. The total loss made it possible to replace the older texts with more modern text books and for a short time the adjustment was somewhat difficult. In addition the loss of many supplementary texts and reference books makes it more difficult to do the extensive reading so necessary in our modern educational program.

That our program was disrupted as little as it was is due to the fine cooperation of several groups of people. The school district is especially grateful to the W. R. C. and J. O. U. A. M. for the fine way in which they allowed for the housing of the grammar school. The school board of Derry also permitted the school to use enough desks and chairs to provide for the pupils of the grammar school. The cooperation of these groups, publishers, and supply houses made the arrangement, necessarily an emergency one, possible. Words are inadequate to express the appreciation felt by the school board and superintendent for the fine spirit of cooperation evidenced in the emergency.

The program for 1944-45 is necessarily upon the basis of temporary measures until such times as a per-

manent solution of the school housing problem is worked out. This problem is not one that is easily solved and much time and effort must be expended before definite recommendations can be presented to the district for action. The program for 1944-45 plans for the use of the brick school as a temporary class room for the upper grades. It involves some necessary repairs which are to be as inexpensive as possible. It also involves additional transportation.

The usual program of cleaning was in force during the summer of 1943. The necessary repairs were completed. As stated in the last report the school board, because of material and man power shortage, avoided any repairs which could be postponed. The continuance of such a policy seems advisable for at least another year.

### The Budget

The proposed budget without special articles shows an overall increase of \$1,560.80. A detailed analysis of this large increase reveals that the bulk of the increase \$780.74 is in the single item of high school tuition. This item is one over which no control can be exercised. Educational opportunity at secondary school level must be provided. In addition to an estimated increase in the number of tuition pupils the tuition costs have advanced approximately 25% in the last two years. Estimated increase transportation costs of \$182 and the renewal of insurance policies on school property \$142.50 account for \$324.50 of the balance which leaves \$363.36 to be accounted for in all other items.

The schedule of estimated income is only increased by \$20 so that the total tax levy is increased \$1,541.23. With \$1,205.24 accounted for in items beyond the control of the board the increase is only nominal for controllable items.

### Conclusion

The greatest problem confronting the board and the district is the matter of school housing. In my opinion the suggested plan for 1944-45 is too expensive in several ways to be adopted as a permanent solution. Several alternative solutions can be presented and under Article 10 of the warrant provision is made for the appointing of a committee to consider these possible solutions and to present a report to the district.

I wish to express to pupils, parents, teachers and school board my deep appreciation for their cooperation in the effort to provide the greatest educational opportunity for the pupils of Chester.

Respectfully submitted,

Everton H. Parkinson

Superintendent

*Births, Marriages and Deaths*

*Registered in the*

**TOWN OF CHESTER**

*For the Year Ending*

*December 31, 1943*



**Births Registered in the Town of Chester, N. H., for Year ending December 31, 1943**

Date	Place	Name	Sex	Name of Father	Name of Mother
1943					
April 17	Worcester, Mass	Diana Le Cava .....	f	Thomas A. LaCava .....	Beatrice Soloperto .....
June 13	E. Derry .....	Frederick Willard Dolloff .....	m	Raymond I. Dolloff .....	Clara I. Hicks .....
July 8	Brentwood .....	John Albert Hanson .....	m	Guy R. S. Hanson .....	Alberta E. Williams .....
Oct. 1	E. Derry .....	Priscilla May Fitts .....	f	Henry Wallace Fitts .....	Ruth Eleanor Harlow .....
Oct. 2	E. Derry .....	Patricia Anne Lewis .....	m	Harold Robert Lewis .....	Marjorie F. Spofford .....
Oct. 10	Concord, Mass .....	Albert Louis Cabana .....	m	Emerald Joseph Catana .....	Evelyn Rose Lauctot .....
Oct. 28	E. Derry .....	John Thomas Colman .....	m	Maurice Glidden Colman .....	Helen June Robie .....
Nov. 4	E. Derry .....	Gregory Alden Leighton .....	m	Walton Edwards Leighton .....	Ruth M. Spencer .....
Nov. 14	Chester .....	Ruby Lena Shepard .....	f	Roger Felton Shepard .....	Alberta F. Estes .....
Dec. 8	Chester .....	Phyllis Elaine Abbott .....	f	Chester Edward Abbott .....	Betty E. Sherkut .....

**Marriages Registered in the Town of Chester, N. H. Year ending December 31, 1943**

Date	Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride.	Residence of each at time of Marriage	Occupation of Groom and Bride	Place of Birth of Each.	Names of Parents.	Order of Selection	Name, Residence and Official Station of Person by whom married
1943 Mar. 31	Chester	Francis C. Ramsdell... Evelyn M. Dunn ...	Stoneham, Mass Chester	27 w 26 w 27 w 25 w 25 w 21 w	Mechanic..... At home. .... Mariner. .... Reg. Nurse .... Cooperage ... Bulb Former ..	Somerville Mass Reading, Mass. Passaic, N. J. .... Derry..... Raymond..... Boston, Mass. ....	Cleveland Ramsdell. .... Edna Wallace..... Merton Streeter..... Lena Leavitt..... Charles Galloway..... Lyle Milner..... Walter Holden..... Sadie Houston ..... William Simano ..... Flossie Guyette..... Vartan Meltonian..... Sophie Kendraian..... David Reif..... Zella Stone..... Walter Tait..... Ethel Heyer..... Lorin Webster .....	1 R. C. Hazelton Justice of the Peace Chester 2 1 Joseph Stanford Minister Derry 1 2 Geo. W. Purlington Justice of the Peace Raymond 2 1 Perry Blankenship Minister Peabody, Mass. 1 2 John G. Gaskell Minister East Derry 1 Helen Thornton .....
April 29	Derry	William M. Galloway .. Bertha Cora Holden ..	Chester	29 w 25 w	Lt. U. S. Navy	Dorchester, Mass	1 Perry Blankenship Minister Peabody, Mass. 1	
June 12	....	William Frank Simano .. Mary Ida Melkonian..	Chester .. Lawrence, Mass	25 w 21 w	Store Execut. ....	Springfield, Ms	1 Perry Blankenship Minister Peabody, Mass. 1	
Sept. 14	Chester	David Cameron Reid... Lucy Elizabeth Tait .. Harold Adams Webster ..	Belmont, Mass Chester	25 w 25 w 58 w	At home. .... Ashland.....	Walter Tait..... Ethel Heyer..... Lorin Webster .....	1 Perry Blankenship Minister Peabody, Mass. 1	
Dec. 4	....	Constance A. Peabody ..	Concord	43 w	Secretary.....	Concord .....	1 Samuel Adams .....	

**Deaths Registered in the Town of Chester for the Ending December 31, 1943**

	Date	Place	Name	Age	Name of Father	Name of Father
	1943					
Jan.	8	Chester.....	Stuart Douglas Wells.....	....	Adelbert Wells .....	Ruth Makepeace.....
Mar.	3	Chester.....	Marilla D. Mackintosh.....	37	William Dunnell.....	Bannah Moulton.....
April	9	Chester.....	Alfred Hapgood .....	83	.....Hapgood .....	Susan Gibson.....
May	30	E. Derry .....	Aubrey R. Monish .....	37	Joseph Monish .....	Matila Traiter .....
June	18	Chester.....	Augusta Sarah Marden ..	81	Seth D. Lane .....	Mary Batchelder .....
June	23	Concord .....	Harold Emery Porter .....	31	Willard E. Porter, Jr.....	Lillian B. Bouley .....
Nov.	2	Chester.....	Addie F. Watkins.....	91	C. C. Flogg .....	Maryetta Murry .....
Nov.	6	E. Derry .....	Susan D. Grant.....	88	Martin Dickerson.....	.....Matthews .....
Dec.	30	Chester.....	Ella Wentworth Griffin. ....	68	Charles H. McIntyre.....	Olive McIntyre.....

I hereby Certify that the above returns are correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

R, C. HAZELTON, Town Clerk













